

## Montana Designated Pilot Examiners

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**\*Key to authorization abbreviations:**  
**PVT=Private, COMM=Commercial,**  
**ATP=Airline Transport Pilot,**  
**INST=Instrument Rating, HELI=Helicopter,**

## **The Initial Flight Instructor Practical Test May Be Conducted By An FAA Inspector or by a Designee**

Standard FAA policy requires that initial flight instructor practical tests be administered by an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI); however, the Helena Flight Standards District Office, due to a shortage of available inspectors, is authorized to delegate initial CFI practical tests to designated pilot examiners when an inspector is not available.

The following procedure must be followed when an applicant wishes to schedule an initial CFI practical test. This procedure is intended to provide a practical test with the least possible delay and to allow the selection of an FAA Inspector or an authorized designee, as appropriate.

### **Procedure**

1. **CONTACT HLN FSDO.** The recommending CFI (not the applicant) should first contact Jim Kirby, the point of contact (POC) for CFI checks at the HLN FSDO, to request an initial CFI practical test.

***IMPORTANT!*** All requests **MUST** be directed first to the POC at the HLN FSDO. The process always starts at the FSDO!

2. **ASSIGNMENT OF DUTY.** The POC will determine if an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector is available to conduct the practical test in a timely manner. If so, the recommending CFI will be put in touch with the ASI. If no ASI is available, the recommending instructor will be asked to contact a qualified designee from the list above. Designees qualified to issue the initial Flight Instructor Certificate are indicated by the "Initial" notation in the Authorizations column.

FAA Inspectors normally conduct Initial CFI practical tests at the Helena FSDO and the applicant is expected to travel to Helena for the test. Designees may conduct tests at any location. The applicant must provide a suitable aircraft and bear all expense related to accomplishment of the practical test.

3. **CHOOSE A DESIGNEE.** If no FAA inspector is available, any designee on the list having the "FI . . . Initial" indication may be engaged to conduct the test.

***IMPORTANT!*** The recommending CFI must advise the FSDO POC of the chosen designee and the date of the scheduled practical test. A telephone call, voice mail message, or e-mail message will suffice for this notification.

**Requests and questions should be directed to Jim Kirby, 406-449-5270, 800-457-9917, [james.m.kirby@faa.gov](mailto:james.m.kirby@faa.gov).**